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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the official action of June 21, 2000 please amend as follows:

In The Claims

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

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3. The food casing of Claim 2 wherein the polyglyceryl ester [is selected from the group consisting of] comprises triglyceryltetraoleate [and triglycerylmonooleate].

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A2

[Please add new Claim 16 as follows:]

16. The food casing of Claim 3 wherein the polyglyceryl ester consists essentially of a mixture of triglyceryltetraoleate and triglycerylmonooleate where the amount of triglyceryltetraoleate is greater than the amount of triglycerylmonooleate.

[Please add new claim 17 as follows:]